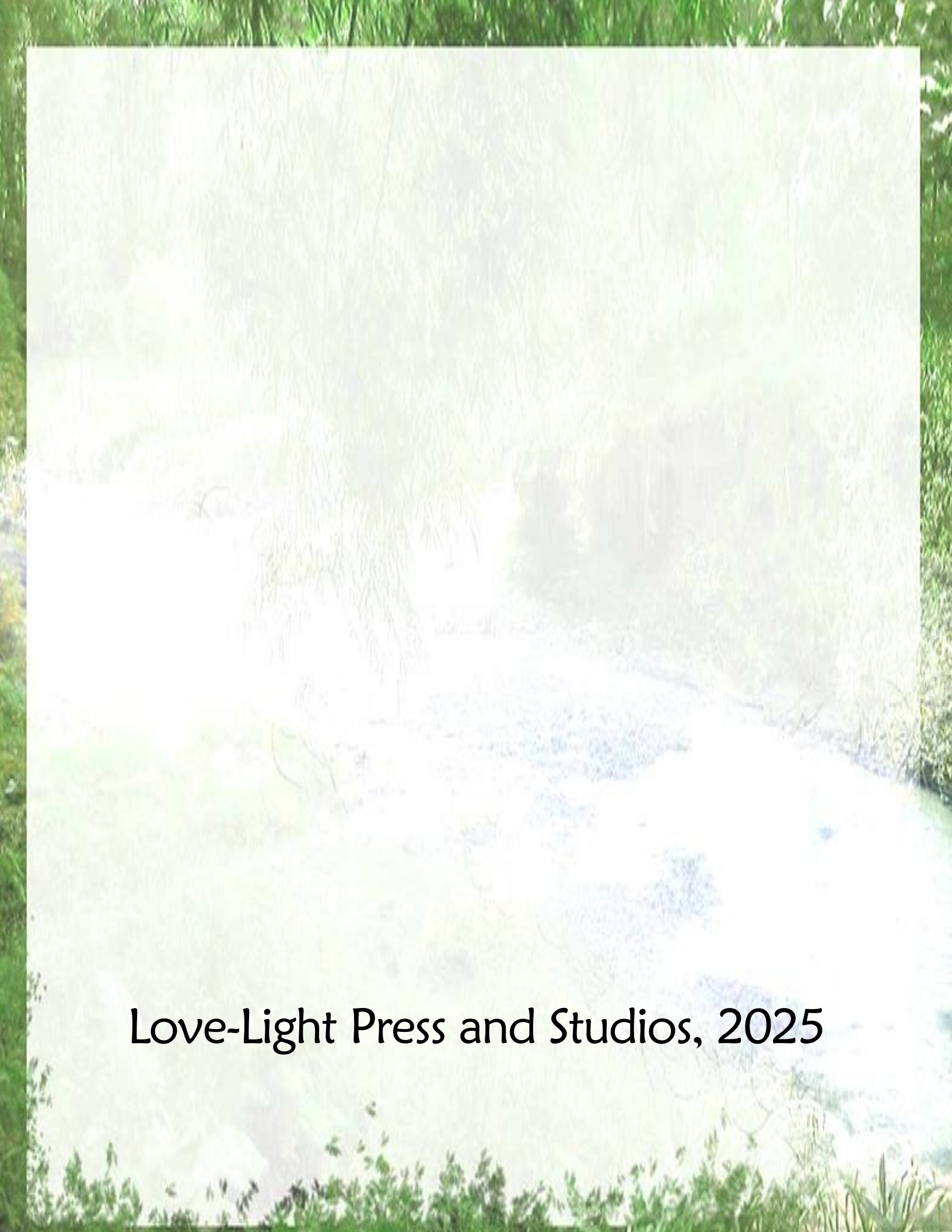


The Rest of Esther

**1611 King James
Version**

Chapters 10-16

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A large, rectangular, light-colored stone or concrete slab with a rough, textured surface, set against a background of green foliage. The slab is positioned horizontally and occupies most of the frame. It has a mottled appearance with various shades of light green, yellow, and white. The edges are slightly irregular. The background consists of dense green leaves and branches, some of which are visible in the foreground and behind the slab.

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*The Old Testament book of Esther ends at chapter 10, verse 3. **The Rest of Esther** continues from there. It starts at chapter 10, verse 4 and ends at chapter 16, verse 4.*

THE REST OF ESTHER 10

10=4 Then Mardocheus said, God hath done these things.

10=5 For I remember a dream, which I saw concerning these matters, and nothing thereof hath failed.

10=6 A little fountain became a river, and there was light, and the Sun, and much water: this

**river is Esther, who the
King married, and
made Queen.**

**10=7 And the two dragons
are I, and Aman.**

**10=8 And the nations
were those that were
assembled, to destroy
the name of the Jews:**

**10=9 And my nation is this
Israel, which cried to God
and were saved: for the
Lord hath saved his
people, and the Lord hath**

delivered us from all those evils, and God hath wrought signs, and great wonders, which have not been done among the Gentiles.

10=10 Therefore hath he made two lots, one for the people of God, and another for all the Gentiles.

10=11 And these two lots came at the hour, and time, and day of judgment, before God

amongst all nations.

10=12 So God remembered his people, and justified his inheritance.

10=13 Therefore those days shall be unto them in the month Adar, the fourteenth and fifteenth day of the same month, with an assembly, and joy, and with gladness, before God, according to the generations for ever among his people.

THE REST OF ESTHER 11

11: 1 In the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemeus, and Cleopatra, Dositheus, who said he was a priest and Levite, and Ptolemeus his son brought this Epistle of Phurim, which they said was the same, and that Lysimachus the son of Ptolemeus, that was in

Jerusalem, had interpreted it.

11=2 In the second year of the reign of Artexerxes the great: in the first day of the month Nisan, Mardocheus the son of Jairus, the son of Semei, the son of Cisai of the tribe of Benjamin, had a dream.

11=3 Who was a Jew and dwelt in the city of Susa, a great man, being a

**servitor in the kings
court.**

11:4 He was also one of
the captives, which
Nabuchodonosor the king
of Babylon carried from
Jerusalem, with
Jechonias king of Judea;
and this was his dream.

11:5 Behold a noise of a
tumult with thunder, and
earthquakes, and uproar
in the land.

11:6 And, behold, two

**great dragons came forth
ready to fight, and their
cry was great.**

**11:7 And at their cry all
nations were prepared to
battle, that they might
fight against the
righteous people.**

**11:8 And lo a day of
darkness and obscurity:
tribulation, and anguish,
affliction, and great
uproar upon the earth.**

11:9 And the whole

righteous nation was troubled, fearing their own evils, and were ready to perish.

11: 10 Then they cried unto God, and upon their cry, as it were from a little fountain, was made a great flood, even much water.

11: 11 The light and the Sun rose up, and the lowly were exalted, and devoured the glorious.

11: 12 Now when Mardocheus, who had seen this dream, and what God had determined to do, was awake: he bare this dream in mind, and until night by all means was desirous to know it.

THE REST OF ESTHER 12

12: 1 And Mardocheus took his rest in the court with Gabatha, and Tharra,

the two Eunuchs of the king, and keepers of the palace. .

12:2 And he heard their devices, and searched out their purposes, and learned that they were about to lay hands upon Artexerxes the king, and so he certified the king of them.

12:3 Then the king examined the two Eunuchs, and after that they had confessed it,

they were strangled.

12=4 And the king made a record of these things, and Mardocheus also wrote thereof.

12=5 So the king commanded, Mardocheus to serve in the court, and for this he rewarded him.

12=6 Howbeit Aman the son of Amadathus the Agagite, who was in great honour with the king, sought to molest Mardocheus and his

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**people, because
of the two Eunuchs
of the king.**

THE REST OF ESTHER 13

13: 1 The copy of the letters was this. The great king Artexerxes, writeth these things to the princes, and governours that are under him from India unto Ethiopia, in an hundred and seven and twenty provinces.

13: 2 After that I became Lord over many nations, and had dominion over

the whole world, not lifted up with presumption of my authority, but carrying myself always with equity and mildness, I purposed to settle my subjects continually in a quiet life, and making my kingdom peaceable, and open for passage to the utmost coasts, to renew peace which is desired of all men.

13:3 Now when I asked my counsellors how this

**might be brought to pass,
Aman, that excelled in
wisdom among us, and
was approved for his
constant good will and
steadfast fidelity, and had
the honour of the second
place in the kingdom,
13=~~4~~ Declared unto us,
that in all nations
throughout the world,
there was scattered a
certain malicious people,
that had laws contrary to
all nations, and**

**continually despised the
commandments of kings,
so as the uniting of our
kingdoms honourably
intended by us
cannot, go forward.**

**13:5 Seeing then we
understand that this
people alone is
continually in opposition
unto all men, differing in
the strange manner of
their Laws, and evil
affected to our state,
working all the mischief**

they can, that our kingdom may not be firmly stablished:

13=6 Therefore have we commanded that all they that are signified in writing unto you by Aman (who is ordained over the affairs, and is next unto us) shall all with their wives and children be utterly destroyed, by the sword of their enemies, without all mercy and pity, the fourteenth day of

**the twelfth month Adar of
this present year:**

13=7 That they, who of
old, and now also are
malicious, may in one day
with violence go into the
grave, and so ever
hereafter, cause our
affairs to be well settled,
and without trouble.

13=8 Then Mardocheus
thought upon all the
works of the Lord, and
made his prayer unto
him,

13=9 Saying, O Lord, Lord, the King Almighty: for the whole world is in thy power; and if thou hast appointed to save Israel, there is no man that can gainsay thee.

13=10 For thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven.

13=11 Thou art Lord of all things, and and there is no man that can resist thee, which art the Lord.

13: 12 Thou knowest all things, and thou knowest Lord, that it was neither in contempt nor pride, nor for any desire of glory, that I did not bow down to proud Aman.

13: 13 For I could have been content with good will for the salvation of Israel, to kiss the soles of his feet.

13: 14 But I did this, that I might not prefer the glory of man above the glory of

**God: neither will I
worship any but thee,
O God, neither will
I do it in pride.**

13: 15 And now, O Lord
God and King, spare thy
people: for their eyes are
upon us to bring us to
nought, yea they desire to
destroy the inheritance
that hath been thine from
the beginning.

13: 16 Despise not the
portion which thou hast
delivered out of Egypt for

thine own self:

13= 17 Hear my prayer,
and be merciful unto
thine inheritance: turn
our sorrow into joy, that
we may live, O Lord, and
praise thy Name: and
destroy not the mouths
of them that praise
thee, O Lord.

13= 18 All Israel in like
manner cried most
earnestly unto the Lord,
because their death was
before their eyes.

THE REST OF ESTHER 14

14: 1 Queen Esther also being in fear of death, resorted unto the Lord,
14: 2 And laid away her glorious apparel, and put on the garments of anguish, and mourning: and in stead of precious ointments, she covered her head with ashes, and dung, and she humbled her body greatly, and all

the places of her joy she filled with her torn hair.

14:3 And she prayed unto the Lord God of Israel, saying, O my Lord, thou only art our king: help me desolate woman, which have no helper but thee:

14:4 For my danger is in mine hand.

14:5 From my youth up I have heard in the tribe of my family, that thou, O Lord, tookest Israel from among all people, and our

**fathers from all their
predecessors, for a
perpetual inheritance,
and thou hast performed
whatsoever thou didst
promise them.**

**14:6 And now we have
sinned before thee:
therefore hast thou given
us into the hands
of our enemies,**

**14:7 Because we
worshipped their gods: O
Lord, thou art righteous.**

14:8 Nevertheless it

**satisfieth them not, that
we are in bitter captivity,
but they have stricken
hands with their idols,**

**14:9 That they will
abolish the thing, that
thou with thy mouth hast
ordained, and destroy
thine inheritance, and
stop the mouth of them
that praise thee, and
quench the glory of thy
house, and of thine Altar,**

**14:10 And open the
mouths of the heathen to**

set forth the praises of the Idols, and to magnify a fleshly king for ever.

14: 11 O Lord, give not thy sceptre unto them that be nothing, and let them not laugh at our fall, but turn their device upon themselves, and make him an example, that hath begun this against us.

14: 12 Remember, O Lord, make thy self known in time of our affliction, and give me boldness, O King

of the nations, and Lord
of all power. ~~14~~= **13** Give
me eloquent speech in
my mouth before the lion:
turn his heart to hate him
that fighteth against us,
that there may be an end
of him, and of all that are
like minded to him:

~~14~~= **14** But deliver us with
thine hand, and help me
that am desolate, and
which have no other
helper but thee.

~~14~~= **15** Thou knowest all

things, O Lord; thou knowest that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of all the heathen.

14:16 **Thou knowest my necessity: for I abhor the sign of my high estate, which is upon mine head, in the days wherein I shew my self, and that I abhor it as a menstruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am private**

by my self.

14=17 And that thine handmaid hath not eaten at Aman's table, and that I have not greatly esteemed the Kings feast, nor drunk the wine of the drink offerings:

14=18 Neither had thine handmaid any joy, since the day that I was brought hither to this present, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.

14=19 O thou mighty God

**above all, hear the voice
of the forlorn, and deliver
us out of the hands of the
mischievous, and deliver
me out of my fear.**

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15:1 And upon the third day when she had ended her prayer, she laid away her mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel.

15:2 And being gloriously adorned, after she had called upon God, who is the beholder, and Saviour of all things, she took two maids with her.

15:3 And upon the one she leaned as carrying her self daintily.

15:4 And the other followed bearing up her train.

15:5 And she was ruddy through the perfection of her beauty, and her countenance was cheerful, and very amiable: but her heart was in anguish for fear.

15:6 Then having passed through all the doors, she

**stood before the King,
who sat upon his royal
throne, and was clothed
with all his robes of
majesty, all glittering with
gold and precious stones,
and he was very dreadful.**

**15:7 Then lifting up his
countenance that shone
with majesty, he looked
very fiercely upon her:
and the Queen fell down
and was pale, and fainted,
and bowed her self upon
the head of the maid that**

went before her.

15=8 Then God changed the spirit of the king into mildness, who in a fear leaped from his throne, and took her in his arms till she came to her self again, and comforted her with loving words, and said unto her:

15=9 Esther, what is the matter? I am thy brother, be of good cheer.

15=10 Thou shalt not die, though our

**commandment be
general: come near.**

15: 11 And so he held up
his golden sceptre, and
laid it upon her neck,

15: 12 And embraced her,
and said, Speak unto me.

15: 13 Then said she unto
him, I saw thee, my lord,
as an Angel of God, and
my heart was troubled for
fear of thy majesty.

15: 14 For wonderful art
thou, lord, and thy
countenance is full of

grace. 15:15 And as she was speaking, she fell down for faintness.

15:16 Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.

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16: 1 The great king
Artexerxes unto the
princes and governors of
an hundred and seven
and twenty provinces,
from India unto Ethiopia,
and unto all our faithful
Subjects, greeting.

16: 2 Many, the more often
they are honoured with
the great bounty of their
gracious princes, the

more proud

they are waxen,

16:3 And endeavour to

**hurt not our Subjects
only, but not being able
to bear abundance, do
take in hand to practise
also against those
that do them good:**

**16:4 And take not only
thankfulness away from
among men, but also
lifted up with the glorious
words of lewd persons
that were never good,**

they think to escape the justice of God, that seeth all things, and hateth evil.

16=5 Often times also fair speech of those that are put in trust to manage their friends affairs, hath caused many that are in authority to be partakers of innocent blood, and hath enwrapped them in remediless calamities:

16=6 Beguiling with the falsehood and deceit of their lewd disposition the

**innocency and
goodness of princes.**

16:7 Now ye may see this
as we have declared, not
so much by ancient
histories, as ye may,
if ye search what hath
been wickedly done of
late through the pestilent
behaviour of them that
are unworthily
placed in authority.

16:8 And we must take
care for the time to come,
that our kingdom may be

**quiet and peaceable
for all men,**

**16:9 Both by changing
our purposes, and always
judging things that are
evident, with more
equal proceeding.**

**16:10 For Aman a
Macedonian the son of
Amadatha, being indeed a
stranger from the Persian
blood, and far distant
from our goodness,
and as a stranger
received of us:**

16: 11 Had so far forth obtained the favour that we shew toward every nation, as that he was called our father, and was continually honoured of all men, as the next person unto the king.

16: 12 But he not bearing his great dignity, went about to deprive us of our kingdom and life:

16: 13 Having by manifold and cunning deceits sought of us the

destruction as well of Mardocheus, who saved our life, and continually procured our good, as also of blameless Esther partaker of our kingdom, with their whole nation.

16: 14 For by these means he thought, finding us destitute of friends, to have translated the kingdom of the Persians to the Macedonians.

16: 15 But we find that the

Jews, whom this wicked wretch hath delivered to utter destruction, are no evildoers, but live by most just laws:

16: 16 And that they be children of the most high and most mighty, living God, who hath ordered the kingdom both unto us, and to our progenitors in the most excellent manner.

16: 17 Wherefore ye shall do well not to put in

execution the Letters sent unto you by Aman the son of Amadatha.

16: 18 For he that was the worker of these things, is hanged at the gates of Susa with all his family: God, who ruleth all things, speedily rendering vengeance to him according to his deserts.

16: 19 Therefore ye shall publish the copy of this Letter in all places, that

**the Jews may freely live
after their own laws.**

16:20 And ye shall aid
them, that even the same
day, being the thirteenth
day of the twelfth month
Adar, they may be
avenged on them, who in
the time of their affliction
shall set upon them.

16:21 For Almighty God
hath turned to joy unto
them the day, wherein the
chosen people should
have perished.

16:22 Ye shall therefore among your solemn feasts keep it an high day with all feasting,

16:23 That both now and hereafter there may be safety to us, and the well affected Persians: but to those which do conspire against us, a memorial of destruction.

16:24 Therefore every city and country whatsoever, which shall not do according to these

**things, shall be destroyed
without mercy, with fire
and sword, and shall be
made not only
unpassable for men,
but also most hateful
to wild beasts and
fowls for ever.**

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